UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

**SIPA** Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

## DECLARATION OF VINEET SEHGAL IN SUPPORT OF THE TRUSTEE'S THIRTY-FIRST OMNIBUS MOTION TO (I) DISALLOW CLAIMS AND OVERRULE OBJECTIONS OF CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE NO NET EQUITY AND (II) OVERRULE OBJECTIONS OF CLAIMANTS WHO INVESTED MORE THAN THEY WITHDREW

- I, Vineet Sehgal, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:
- 1. I am a Managing Director at AlixPartners LLP ("AlixPartners"), a consultant to, and claims agent for, Irving H. Picard as trustee (the "Trustee") for the substantively consolidated liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities ("BLMIS") and Bernard L. Madoff.
- 2. In December 2008, AlixPartners was retained by the Trustee as the Trustee's claims agent. As the claims agent, AlixPartners was responsible for both mailing the notice of the liquidation and claim forms to potential claimants and causing the notice of the liquidation to be published. AlixPartners has also been responsible for processing all claims submitted to the Trustee and assisting the Trustee in reviewing each customer claim filed to determine whether the asserted claim amount agrees with the "net equity" for that account. In addition, as the

accountants for the BLMIS estate, AlixPartners has assisted and continues to assist the Trustee in accounting for the assets of the BLMIS estate, including the cash and cash equivalents available to the Trustee.

- 3. I have been actively involved in the liquidation of BLMIS and the claims process since December 2008 and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- 4. I submit this Declaration based upon the information and knowledge acquired during the course of my retention and in support of the Trustee's Thirty-First Omnibus Motion to (I) Disallow Claims and Overrule Objections of Claimants Who Have No Net Equity and (II) Overrule Objections of Claimants Who Invested More than they Withdrew (the "Motion").
- 5. At the Trustee's direction, my colleagues at AlixPartners and I have reviewed the books and records of BLMIS. During the course of my involvement in this matter, I have personally reviewed thousands of documents, as well as schedules prepared and information collected by my colleagues, relating to the books and records of BLMIS, third party records, bank records and other documentation relevant to BLMIS and its customer accounts and information systems. I have reviewed the books and records of BLMIS and the customer claims filed, analyzing the cash deposit activity, cash withdrawal activity, and transfers between accounts.
- 6. I make this Declaration to verify to the Court that, as consultant to the Trustee and claims agent in the above-captioned case, after conducting a diligent review of BLMIS books and records, we have identified three (3) Objections, which dispute the Trustee's Net Investment Method, the Inter-Account Method, and/or request a Time-Based Damages Adjustment or Tax-Based Adjustment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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7. The Claims and the related Objections at issue in the Motion are listed in alphabetical order by the Claimant's first name in the exhibits annexed hereto. Net winner Claims and Objections are identified on **Exhibit A** and net loser Claims and Objections on **Exhibit B**.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 26, 2020

Vineet Sehgal

Managing Director

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